

**To:** Hestmark, Martin[Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wharton, Steve  
**Sent:** Mon 4/27/2015 5:15:08 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Thank You

Martin – Here is the email I sent to Mark Garcia, Interim Town Administrator for Silverton, and his response.

Steve

**From:** Mark Garcia [mailto:mgarcia@silverton.co.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:59 AM  
**To:** Wharton, Steve  
**Cc:** Peterson, Cynthia; Schmittziel, Paula; Chris and William Tookey; pete@maiselx.com; Karla Safranski; Larry Gallegos; David Zanoni; Malcolm MacDougall; Michelle Hamilton  
**Subject:** RE: Thank You

Hi Steve,

Thanks for the email. I am forwarding this onto the Trustees. I'll standby to hear from you at a later date.

Mark Garcia

Interim Town Administrator

Silverton, Colorado

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**From:** Wharton, Steve [<mailto:Wharton.Steve@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** Mark Garcia  
**Cc:** Peterson, Cynthia; Schmitt diel, Paula  
**Subject:** Thank You

Dear Mark,

We would like to thank the Silverton Town Board for allowing us to present at their public meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> information about EPA's interest in sampling soils for elevated levels of heavy metals in publicly owned areas within Silverton. We sincerely apologize for not providing more complete and descriptive information to the Board before the meeting. In planning for the meeting, we felt that the materials we intended to hand out would have little meaning to the Board without the context of our presentation. That was a mistake on our part. We did not intend to blindsides the Trustees regarding the nature of our presentation, and we very much regret that our approach left that impression. We also would like to thank you for making the time to meet with us Tuesday morning. The feedback you gave us was very helpful.

We will be in contact with you soon to discuss our upcoming visits to Silverton including the Animas River Stakeholders Group meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Wharton, Unit Chief

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